



PART 2

GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT PROGRAMS

The mission of the Ground Combat Element (GCE) is to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy by fire and maneuver or repel the enemy's assault by fire and close combat. Task-organized GCEs draw upon the resources and units of one or more divisions, including division headquarters, infantry and artillery regiments, and separate battalions. GCE resources are integrated with those of the full MAGTF, so that the full range of combined-arms operations may be employed against the enemy. The GCE gives the MAGTF commander a decisive means of conducting maneuver, applying firepower, and providing force protection.

The following programs will provide the GCE the ability — through enhancements in mobility, survivability, and accuracy of fires — to meet the requirements of Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare.